

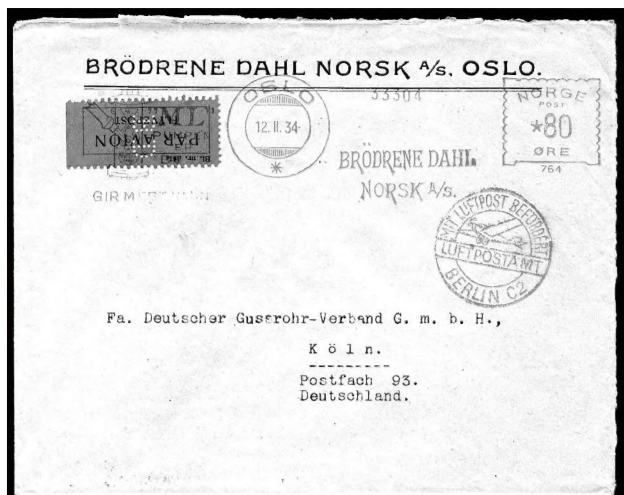
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## Perfins as Postal History #5

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In my on-going search for the uses of perfins on cover, there are occasions when I come across usages so bizarre that I wonder what caused them to occur. This cover is one.

At first glance this is just an ordinary commercial cover from Norway, franked with a 1934 postage meter paying for early airmail service from Oslo to Koln, Germany. It was probably flown to Berlin, where the airmail cachet was applied, as well as a receiving cancel from Berlin on the reverse. The transit from Berlin to Koln was most likely by rail.



To the left of the meter was affixed an airmail label or “etiquette” used to alert postal personnel that this cover was prepaid for air mail transport. The air mail etiquette appears to be from a sheet, though whether of private origin or furnished by the postal service, I don’t know. However, as the second picture shows, the etiquette has the perfins of Brodrene Dahl – BR - World Perfins Catalog Norway pattern A7!



Since the etiquette had no value as postage and was only an informational label, how and why it came to be run through the company’s perforator can only be speculation. I suspect that the mailroom person(s) responsible for perforating the company’s postage were provided sheets of these etiquettes, and since they were for use on mail, ran them through the perforator too!

Note: In order to show the perfins on the etiquette more clearly, the scan of the image was ‘cleaned up’.

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